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Serial No.: Unassigned	)	Examiner: Unassigned
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For: <b>Flexible Toothbrush and Method</b>	)	
<b>of Manufacturing the Same</b>	)	

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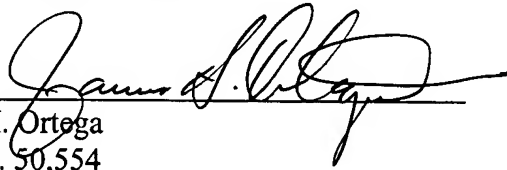
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